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Fort Union Repair and Resurfacing Scheduled for May

Long overdue...we are getting ready to dress up Fort Union Boulevard with orange barrels when things warm up a little. As you may have noticed the road is getting somewhat bumpy. Repaving and road improvements will be installed between 1700 E. and Whitmore Way (2245 E.); plus removal of the divider at Park Centre Drive.

The objectives are to:

1. Soften the steep cross slopes
2. Eliminate the ruts
3. Restore the base to prevent alligator cracking, and
4. Resurface the roadway.

The primary goal during construction will be the continuation of business and residential access during the entire process. We plan to be near Bella Vista after school is out. All signal lights along Fort Union Boulevard have been upgraded to video detection instead of the loops in the asphalt.



With that upgrade, signal-timing can be adjusted instantly as traffic is shifted. This will help minimize delay. After a few weeks of orange barrels, life will be smooth sailing on Fort Union for many years to come. Construction is scheduled to begin the first week of May 2010 and should last 4 – 6 weeks.

Questions or suggestions are welcomed and can be submitted on the City website at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov or at an Open House sponsored by the City in the Council Chambers between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8th (1265 East Fort Union Blvd.). The City phone number is 801-944-7000.



City Council Article Gordon M. Thomas - District# 1

CITY RECEIVES PLAUDITS FROM INSURANCE CARRIER

One of the things about which the City Council was most concerned two years ago, when we were debating whether to begin self-providing the City's law enforcement, was potential liability. It was apparent from personal experience and from our discussions with other cities that the major concern about liability in any city is the police department. The very nature of their work opens the City up to potential law suits. One needn't read a lot of newspapers or watch much television to see accusations against the police for any number of offenses. Our level of concern was raised because we had already spent many hours, shortly after incorporation, discussing the pros and

cons of the various kinds of liability the City might face being a public entity. We finally decided to acquire our liability, property, and worker's compensation insurances from the Utah Local Government Trust (ULGT). Now, with the possibility of adding police to our policy, we spent considerable time in discussion with them about the added risk we would be assuming. Part of our concern was voiced in the question, "Do we really want to add a police department to the common, every-day variety of potential liability concerns that may arise from residents or visitors to the City?"

We ultimately decided that the possible improvement of our law

enforcement situation outweighed the potential for significant lawsuits against the City from a police incident. We believe our claim history can be influenced by those we hire and not just by fate. So, we went ahead and created CHPD and prepared to hire seasoned, loyal employees and pay a higher premium for the required coverage: liability, property, and worker's compensation insurance.

Once again, we went to ULGT because of the positive relationship that had been cultivated during the past three years. ULGT was created as a mutual insurance company in 1974 through the cooperative effort of a number of cities in the state. It is

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owned by its members, and has been very successful at holding costs down through on-going safety education programs and incentives for compliance with various safety measures. It now insures cities, counties, school districts, and special service districts in the state and has a current membership of more than 500. Its assets are in excess of \$60 million. Its "Surplus to Loss Service Ratio, and Surplus to Net Written Premiums Written is as good or better than the 15 leading property and casualty carriers in the U.S." (*Presentation to the Cottonwood Heights Council on February 2, 2010*).

What a pleasant experience we enjoyed on February 2nd when the officers of ULGT visited our council meeting and commended us for our safety record and lack of claims. CHPD's claims were included in this calculation, making them the "Poster-Boy" for police departments throughout the state. It seems we, including our police department, have a loss ratio of less than one percent. For every \$1.00 paid in premium, the Trust has paid less than one cent in claims. This record, of course, deserves some recognition and publicity; so, in addition to their

attendance at council meeting to thank and praise us, ULGT left the City a premium refund check for 5% of the 2009 premium and announced that our premium for 2010 will decrease from our 2009 premium by 14%.

In order for the City to be eligible for the premium reimbursement our employees and elected officials had to do the following:

- Have Liability, Property, and Worker's Compensation coverage with ULGT
- Have an active safety committee
- Annually inspect all manholes for which the City is responsible
- Attend ULGT land-use training
- All drivers of City-owned vehicles must sign the "Trust Safe Driver Pledge"

One of ULGT's main services is to help us keep our costs down. One of the most effective ways to do this is to make assessments of the City's risk exposures. The Risk-Management Manager from the Trust conducts on-site surveys to help us

identify potential sources for liability and safety deficiencies. They then recommend cost-effective ways to prevent accidents at the identified points. They further recommend ways to promote safety and to reduce over-all risk exposure. I, personally, recall participating in an inspection where they directed our attention to deficiencies in our compliance with accessibility requirements. They were corrected immediately.

As a member of the City Council, I feel it appropriate that I call the attention of the residents of the City to how safety-minded and successful our City staff and elected officials are in implementing and adhering to safety practices that reduce the possibility of life and injury threatening accidents. We are the caretakers for your tax dollars, and this is just one example of how your City staff recognizes their responsibilities to use that money wisely and to take steps to save wherever possible.

THE COUNCIL CONGRATULATES AND THANKS THE STAFF!

What is a CERT?

The acronym CERT is seen often in this paper and in other locations associated with emergency preparedness. It means **Community Emergency Response Team**, and it has been viable in Cottonwood Heights for nearly three years. CERT is a program that is hopefully growing like a rolling snowball. The more people trained in the first responder techniques, the more who will likely be saved in the event of a disaster such as an earthquake, snow-in, major power outage, etc.

Your neighbor may already be trained and that's wonderful; however, it is still important that you get trained in order to more effectively cover the neighborhood and community in the event of a need.

In Cottonwood Heights the CERT program is supervised by David L. McClintock, Emergency Volunteer Coordinator. He recently completed an assessment of the CERT program in the City. The following information is taken from his report.

CERT has been operational within Cottonwood Heights for two and one-half years. Early efforts at building an effective CERT program were directed by Shelly Hanson and Kristen Wight. They held numerous evening meetings in an attempt to organize the volunteers in developing an operational CERT program. They made considerable progress and were able to establish six districts within the boundaries of the City. Several CERT training sessions were offered by Unified Fire Authority (UFA) instructors. A significant number of City residents were trained and CERT program certified.

The City also obtained a large utility trailer and assorted pieces of equipment, including a two-way radio system. CERT trained volunteers attended community sponsored emergency preparedness events, including Emergency Preparedness Fairs and Butlerville Days. Informational publications were obtained from UFA and the state and were distributed freely by CERT volunteers. Eventually, the CERT specific meetings were merged with the

broader Emergency Planning Committee meetings.

In November of last year, Mr. McClintock was appointed to be the Emergency Volunteer Coordinator, replacing Shelly and Kristen. In concert with the two past coordinators, Mr. McClintock has identified the following current needs for the program:

- Additional publicity is required in order to increase the number of volunteers and provide education for the public.
- A data-base of CERT trained volunteers needs to be updated and maintained in an appropriate location at the City offices.
- All volunteer leadership positions should be filled. Back-up volunteers are also recommended. This will be accomplished through an active recruitment campaign.
- All CERT activities should be coordinated through Roger Kehr, City Emergency Communications Service Coordinator, and with the City Neighborhood Watch organization.
- One or more CERT trained group(s) of volunteers should be established as a demonstration team for training and educating purposes.
- On-going liaison should be established with special interest sites in the City. High-rise buildings, senior citizen facilities, etc., fall into this category.
- CERT supplies (bandages, splints, portable tables and chairs, litters, etc.) should be cached at various locations throughout the City. There is a need for cooperation with other entities: churches, businesses, scout groups, etc., to accomplish this task.
- UFA and FEMA administrative forms should be acquired and modified for CERT use in carrying out the administrative functions of the City's CERT operation.

- Methods of identification and credentialing should be developed for appropriate identification of CERT trained personnel.
- Acquisition of centralized office space with supplies and equipment for minimal administrative duties.

The reason for this brief history and detail of objectives is to generate interest on the part of City residents who may be inclined to become part of this important organization. Those who are CERT trained and are part of the operational organization will be very visible and valuable in the event of a disaster. It isn't necessary to explain the possibility of an earthquake in our City; and those who have lived here more than five years have all experienced the challenges of a large snow-fall and subsequent extended power outages and heat difficulties.

YOU are invited to become part of the CERT program by contacting one of the following:

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Chief's CORNER



Chief Robby Russo

Protecting our community is a challenge on many levels and is met on several fronts, especially in this fast, high-tech world. As parents, we are all concerned about our children and the personal information they reveal and receive online. Catching cyber-crooks and internet predators is more than a specialty; it's also an art.

The Utah Attorney General's, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is comprised of 11 local, state, and federal agencies. Their mission is to protect children from online sexual enticements through preventative, proactive, and reactive measures. They also investigate individuals who possess, distribute, and/or manufacture child pornography.

This unit is headed-up by Capt. Jessica Farnsworth. It made 140 arrests last year. For the past 10 years, ICAC has an almost 99% conviction rate against defendants arrested for child pornography and/or sexually abusing children.



Protecting Children from Internet Predators

Parents:
Talk with your children
about online dangers

CHPD is proud of the work of the Task Force and its part in bringing the predators in our community to justice. Captain Farnsworth suggests we all follow these general safety guidelines for the Internet:

1. Your wireless router should be locked down (password protected) to avoid someone from hi-jacking your internet and using it to commit crimes.
2. Children should never give out personal information to anyone via the internet. Listing activities, friends, and places they go on a social network such as Myspace, My yearbook, Facebook, etc., can give clues to predators about the child. Just for the Shock and Awe factor, read through your teens Facebook account; the amount of personal information will amaze you.
3. Children/teenagers should avoid taking naked photographs of themselves and sending them to friends, strangers, etc., especially by use of the internet or cell phones. Once that PIC is out there, it's never coming back except to haunt your child.

4. Children should never chat with someone they don't know and most importantly they should never physically meet anyone they meet online, unless they are accompanied by a parent. I know this seems like a no-brainer but it still occurs.

Parents: Talk with your children about online dangers, including sexual victimization. Set limits with your children, determining when and how long to surf the internet, Place computers in the family areas of your residence-not in children's bedrooms. Consider blocking software or filtering services.

Although you will encounter resistance from your teens, always maintain access to your child's online account and randomly check his/her email. Stay safe.



Capt. Jessica Farnsworth
Section Chief
Utah Attorney General's ICAC Task Force

EASTER FESTIVITIES SET FOR APRIL 2 & 3



Hunt for colorful eggs and prizes, enjoy face-painting and balloon artistry, indulge in pizza and try a little Karaoke. Sound familiar? Well, it is! Once again in 2010 we're preparing for two Easter parties for the kids of our great City.

Beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2, residents 13 – 17 years of age are invited to bring flashlights and join the Easter Egg Hunt. Following the search for those incredible, edible eggs, we will enjoy FREE PIZZA and DRINKS, along with FREE ICE SKATING from 9 – 10:30 p.m. For the "Bravehearts" there will also be a KARAOKE machine.

The next morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the younger set (up to and including 12) are invited to participate in a daytime Easter Egg Hunt (bring baskets, not flashlights), along with **FREE FACE PAINTING, BALLOON ARTISTRY, and**

RUNNING AROUND.

The "EASTER 2010 FUN-SPOT" for Cottonwood Heights is the Recreation Center and the fields behind it, 7500 South, 2700 East.

Carolyn Wold, chair of this annual event, reminds parents that **"The City will handle your Easter activities this year, especially for the young-ones. See that they get there, then sit back, relax, and enjoy watching others work and play."**





Thanks and Welcome to Events Coordinator's

Change is inevitable in today's workplace, the City is becoming experienced at welcoming new employees and council-members and saying goodbye and thanks to those who are leaving. This month we say goodbye and thank you to Susannah Hutchins, who has been functioning as the City's Events Coordinator for the past year and as a part-time Customer Services Specialist before that for about three years. Susannah will be missed, and we wish her well as she welcomes a new baby into her home. **THANK YOU, SUSANNAH!**



Susannah Hutchins, Georgia Anderson, Lisa Walker

Lisa Walker, Butlerville Days Chair last year (2009), has been selected as the new Events Coordinator. Her talents will now be used not only on Butlerville Days, but also to coordinate all of the other events that are sponsored by the City. Lisa is a mother of six, and she and her family moved here from the San Francisco area about six years ago. After seeing the outstanding job she did with last year's Butlerville Days, City employees are looking forward to working with her and her cadre of volunteers.

The City Events Coordinator provides some stability and uniformity in the various events the City sponsors (Easter Activities, Butlerville Days, Relay-for-Life, Kids Halloween Party, Bark-in-the-Park, and an occasional Birthday Party). Each of these events has a volunteer chairperson to direct the planning and presentation of the event. The City Events Coordinator works as the City's liaison to the volunteer committee and helps with the carryover of what has been done in the past. She will report to Linda Dunlavy, City Director of Administrative Services. **WELCOME, LISA!**

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Historical Committee has Vacancy

Historians of all levels of expertise are invited to apply for the vacancy on the Historical Committee resulting from current member Melt Stelter's appointment ending. The City warmly thanks Mr. Stelter for his service as a founding member of the historical committee. He was also recently honored with the Mayor's Award by the Utah Council for the Humanities for his publication of a history of the neighborhood known as "Poverty Flats."

Committee vacancies don't come along often; so anyone interested should make it known by sending a one-page summary of their contact information, motivation to serve, credentials, and vision for the work of the committee to City Manager Liane Stillman at lstillman@

cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

The City's municipal code establishes a Historical Committee to "identify, preserve, protect, and enhance" the City's unique heritage. The membership on the committee is 5 – 9 members who are City residents with a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge in history or historic preservation. The terms of service are three years, with one opportunity for reappointment. Where possible, professionals in the fields of history, archaeology, planning, architecture history, or architectural make wonderful contributions.

Vacancy

"DREAMCOAT" To Be Presented

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council has announced that they will make their musical debut in August of this year with a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Auditions will be announced later, but the council is now accepting resumes for those wanting to participate on the production team. The deadline for resumes is March 16. Resumes must include a 50-word description of "your take on the musical." Email resumes to amy.charts@gmail.com.



Production team positions needing to be filled include Director, Choreographer, Music Director, and Costumer. Anyone interested in participating on the production team should submit resumes immediately.

The Arts Council has been active for about a year and participated in last year's Butlerville Days with art displays. It also produced the program, in partnership with the Historical Committee, for the Friday evening session of the City's recent 5th Birthday Party. They are actively seeking funding to complement the funds budgeted by the City. Two grants have been acquired to date.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The March, 2010 meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, March 2nd**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 9th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 16th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 23rd**
NO COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO POLITICAL PRECINCT CAUCUSES
- **Tuesday, March 30th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting



Utah State Senate HONORS Cottonwood Heights

An Official Citation from the Utah State Senate, honoring the City and those involved in its Emergency Preparedness Program, was presented to Mayor Kelvin Cullimore, Jr., Councilman Gordon Thomas, CHPD Chief Robby Russo, and City Manager Liane Stillman at a recent session of the Senate. State Senator, Karen Morgan who represents a large portion of Cottonwood Heights, and Senate President Michael Waddoups presented the Citation.

The preamble to the Citation states, “An Official Citation of the Utah State Senate recognizing and commending Cottonwood Heights City for receiving the first-ever FEMA Award for **“Collaborative Preparedness Planning.”** In the body of the Citation, the Senate recognizes the City’s having competed against more than 2000 other cities and counties from throughout the country, including San Francisco, CA, and Douglas County, PA. The Citation further made note of the fact that the City is only five years old and that the staff and volunteers have created a city-wide communication system capable of communicating with residents of every street and home in the City.

City Manager Liane Stillman is recognized for her leadership in directing the collaborative effort that brought together numerous community volunteers and representatives of various other organizations, including the LDS Church, other Christian and non-Christian denominations in the City, Red Cross, and other groups that focus on various aspects of communications, such as the HAM Operators. It is also noted that the City is the recipient of a NETGuard grant from FEMA, which provides funding for a pilot project to develop a mobile communications base from which Internet, GIS, Radio, and Cell communications can be made available to mobile Emergency Operations Centers in the event of an earthquake, snow-in, or other major disaster.

The Citation concluded with, “Now Therefore, Be It Known, the Utah State Senate honors and commends Cottonwood Heights City for their foresight, preparedness, planning, goals, and accomplishments and wishes them continued success in each endeavor.”



From Left to Right, City Manager Liane Stillman, Mayor Kelvin Cullimore, Jr., CHPD Chief Robby Russo, Councilman Gordon Thomas, State Senator Karen Morgan, and Senate President Michael Waddoups.



CERT PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

YOU are invited to become part of the most visible and valuable program in Cottonwood Heights, if a disaster should strike. The **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** program needs additional volunteers to be trained and help organize to properly respond to an earthquake, snow-in, major power outage, or other wide-spread emergency. CERT basic emergency response training is provided by Unified Fire Authority (UFA) instructors and is available to most everyone in the City.

Cottonwood Heights has been divided into six operational districts and volunteers are needed in each district. Designated districts are Brighton, Butler, Butler West, Cottonwood Creek, Cottonwood Heights, and Wasatch. The coordinators of these districts with contact information are listed in the CERT Assessment article on page 4 of this paper.

CERT training courses are presented throughout the year. Information about the next scheduled one can be acquired at the UFA website, www.unifiedfire.org or by calling 801-743-7150. Upcoming CERT training opportunities are also announced in this paper prior to the time they are presented.

Additional information on the need for CERT trained volunteers is available from David McClintock, CERT Emergency Volunteer Coordinator for the City, by telephone at 801-943-4909 or by email at davidlmclintock@aol.com.

Test your Cottonwood Heights History IQ

The Historical Committee is giving us an opportunity to test our knowledge of the history of Cottonwood Heights. Each month they will include a question such as the one below and the answer will be found hidden elsewhere in the NEWS JOURNAL. The prize for finding the correct answer is increased knowledge about the colorful history of the City in which you live.

March Question – What two historical sites, located in Cottonwood Heights, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places?

Answers located on back page



City Applying For Google Fiber Experiment

Google's recent announcement that it was soliciting information from communities and other entities interested in installing a fiber network on an experimental basis generated immense interest throughout the country. Some organizations have even launched PR campaigns designed to generate interest in what they have to offer and possibly discourage those who are not at their stage of development.

In spite of the apparent competition, Cottonwood Heights has decided to respond to the Request for Information (RFI). A committee of City staff and a Council-member are working on the required document and will have it ready to submit by the March 26 deadline.

According to their RFI, Google is looking for a community or communities that are interested in experimenting with the deployment of a network both efficiently and quickly. They are also looking at the level of support they might anticipate from the community. Other factors of concern are available resources, weather conditions, construction methods, and regulatory issues. As part of the decision-making process, they plan to make site-visits and meet with local officials and residents prior to their decision.

Cottonwood Heights has been very



successful during its first five years in existence in being recognized as a Top 100 City,

receiving a FEMA award for collaborative efforts in communications for emergency preparedness, and as recipient of numerous other recognitions, including three budgeting excellence and Best of State awards. All of these honors will be helpful with Google's decision-makers. We also have the results of a feasibility study for a network similar to what Google is suggesting that maps out where such a network would be installed.

The system Google is planning to install is defined in the following quotation from their RFI. "Google is planning to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks in one or more trial locations across the country. We'll deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today over one gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home connections. We'll offer service at a competitive price to at least 50,000 and potentially up to 500,000 people."

City residents can access the Google announcement at www.google.com. There are also suggestions of how residents may get involved in the application process (see adjoining article with details about a contest for those interested in being actively involved).



BBB Consumer Alert about Census Workers

Last month this newsletter ran a full article about the U.S. Census. We discussed the purpose and gave some example of questions that will be asked. As a follow-up this month, we are reporting an ALERT that has been issued by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) regarding the possibility (even probability) of scammers taking advantage of this process to relieve you of some of your assets.

The BBB reports on specific things that official Census Workers will have with them and about specific questions they will not ask. The three most important things for you to remember are:

Official Census workers will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering any questions. Never invite anyone you don't know into your home, even if he/she appears to be official.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify addresses. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information, Census workers may ask about your salary range but they will never ask the financial questions listed above; nor will they request a donation.

Census workers may eventually contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by email. Be on the look-out for email scams impersonating the Census Bureau. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the Census Bureau.

For additional information go to www.bbb.org.

Google Fiber-to-the-Home YouTube Video Contest

1st Prize - \$100

2nd Prizes - (up to 3) \$50

Honorable Mention - (up to 10) \$25

Videos must be no longer than 2 minutes in length (we don't want to bore Google or the CH judges!).

Videos must include reference to Cottonwood Heights and either Google or Google Fiber to the Home project ("I wanna get Googled," "Google me," "I want a Google High Fiber Diet," etc., - remember videos must meet YouTube standards).

Google is looking for concepts of how you would use a 1 gigabit fiber connection to your home or workplace (20-1000 times faster than current broadband - and much faster than your iPod sync on its best day).

BE CREATIVE!! One slamdunk idea might be all that's needed for Google to

put Cottonwood Heights on a high (speed) fiber diet! This is even better than a Bran Muffin! HAVE FUN!

GeoTag of video on GoogleMaps is a plus - where video was shot/made, etc.

Upload to YouTube and

1. email link to googlefiber@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov to be considered for a prize;
2. go to <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/public/options>; click on "Nominate Your Community;" fill out as much information as you like/can, but be sure to include the YouTube link in your submission. **Multiple submissions OK**

Submissions for prizes must be received by March 26, 2010 at 5:00 pm

Winners will be announced at City Council Meeting in April

Do You Know...?

Early in 2009, the City contracted with Dan Jones to do a survey about the residents, perception of how the City is being managed and what their experiences are as they interact with City officials and employees. Over a period of six months, during the Summer and Fall, we presented this column asking you what you know about Cottonwood Heights. For some, that was interesting information; for others, it was a so-what moment. So, for those who care, this final article about that survey is a discussion of the demographics of the survey sample. Also, inasmuch as it was a statistically significant sample, these demographic should give a reasonably accurate picture of the City. We will, of course, get the actual demographics following the 2010 Census which is now being conducted. But, until that happens, we need to rely on the survey or on the 2000 Census, at which time the City didn't exist.

Of those participating in the survey, 47% were male and 53% female. The age group breakdown was 18 – 34, 35 – 44, 45 – 54, 55 – 64, 65 and over. Interestingly, each category was at 20%, with the 65 plus category being 19% and 1% refusing to respond. Only 46% of those responding had children 18 or younger living in the home. Sixty percent of the respondents live between Highland Dr. and Wasatch Blvd. Twenty-eight percent live west of Highland Drive, with the remainder living east of Wasatch Blvd. Again, 1% refused to answer that question

Other information of note revealed that the majority of the residents (68%) have lived in Cottonwood Heights 11 years or more and 42% have lived here 21 years or more. That suggests a rather stable community; and, with only 36,000 of us, it's no wonder we often see people at the grocery store whom we recognize but cannot place. Thirty-two percent of the current residents have lived here 10 years or less, but only 15% have lived here less than five years.

Education questions found that 26% of us have post-graduate degrees and 35% have four-year bachelor's degrees. Only 11% have high school diploma's or less. Nineteen percent have some college or tech school and 9% have a two-year college degree.

Those education questions correlate closely with income data and verify the statistics that are used by recruiters in espousing the value of post-high school education. More than 47% of the residents of Cottonwood Heights have an income of more that \$80,000, and 29% of the total sample make in excess of \$100,000 per year. Just 11% make less than \$40,000, and there are 14% in each of the categories \$40,000 to \$59,000 and \$60,000 to \$79,000.

The specifics of these statistics may not be of great significance but they do validate the survey as being from a true cross-section of the City's residents.



March Safety Message

FIRE SAFETY FOR PEOPLE OVER 50

FACTS

Nearly 1,100 older Americans (ages 65 plus) die from home fires each year.

Compared with other age groups:

- People between 65 and 74 are nearly TWICE as likely to die in a fire.
- People between 75 and 84 are nearly FOUR times more likely to die in a fire.
- People ages 85 and older are at least FIVE times more likely to die in a fire.



Assist Chief Mike Watson

TIPS

By adhering to a few simple tips, seniors can dramatically reduce their risk of death and injury from fire.

SMOKE SAFELY

Sitting in a favorite chair and having a cigarette after dinner seems to some like a great way to relax – but mixing cigarettes and relaxing can be deadly. Falling asleep while smoking can ignite clothing, rugs, and materials used in upholstered furniture. Using alcohol and medications that make one sleepy compounds this hazard. Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths and the second leading cause of injuries among those ages 65 and older. Cigarettes continue to burn when not properly extinguished. A cigarette, accidentally tipped from its resting place, can smolder for hours before a flare-up occurs.

COOK SAFELY

Many families gather in the kitchen to spend time together. This is the most hazardous rooms in the house if one doesn't practice safe cooking behaviors. Cooking is the third leading cause of fire deaths and the leading cause of injury among people 65 and older.

HEAT THE HOME SAFELY

During the winter months of December through February, there are more home fires than any other time of year. Heating devices like space heaters and wood stoves make homes comfortable, but require additional caution. Heating is the second leading cause of fire death and the third leading cause of injury to those 65 and older.

THE "GET OUT ALIVE" HOME FIRE SAFETY STEPS

- Smoke Alarms should be installed on every level of your home, and batteries must be tested every month and changed at least once a year.
- Home Fire Escape Plans should be developed and practiced at least twice a year. Keep exits clear of debris.



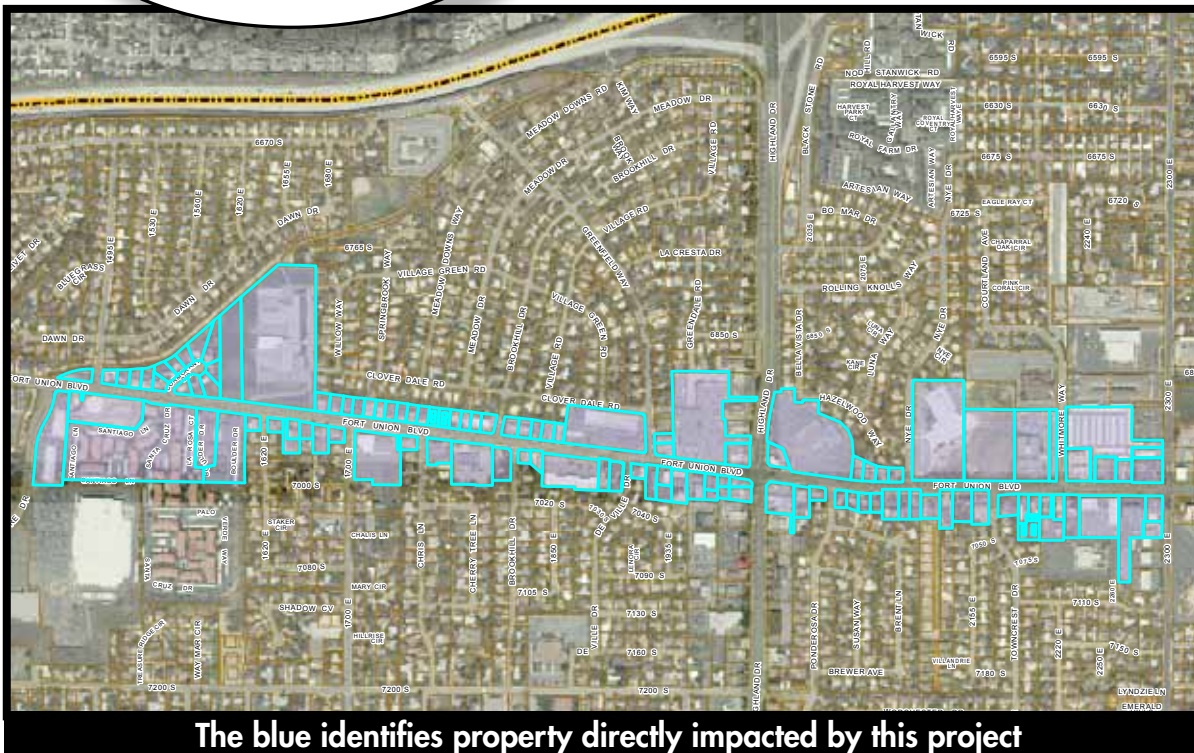
FORT UNION OPEN HOUSE

for discussion of:

Resurfacing/Restoring Construction Project

**APRIL 8TH from
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**City Council Chambers
1265 East Fort Union Blvd.,
Suite 300**



The blue identifies property directly impacted by this project

ANSWERS

Answer to March's Historical Committee question:

On April 16, 1971, the Granite Paper Mill (Old Mill) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. When built, it was owned by the Deseret News and housed the latest in paper making machinery. It burned down in 1893, destroying the equipment.

On April 6, 2000, the Alvin Reuben and Annie Green home on Danish Road was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its architectural and historical significance. It is one of the few remaining historic buildings from the Danish Town era.

Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation

online registration now available at

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FREE UNDERWATER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**March 26
Starts at 3:00 PM**



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NAMES IN THE NEWS

This month the NEWS JOURNAL calls attention to a resident of Cottonwood Heights who has gained publicity for an unusual accomplishment.

Jerri A. Harwell: a long-time resident of our City and a member of the pre-incorporation community council, has recently been notified by Harvard University that her book, *Leaning on Prayer* (2004), will be used for an undergraduate class in the Divinity School. For a week during spring semester, the class, which is taught by Professor Maria Griffith, Ph.D, and Max Mueller, a Ph.D. student and Teaching Fellow will use Mrs. Harwell's book as a text. According to Ms. Harwell, those who selected the book were very interested in her experiences as an African-American Latter-Day Saint woman. Congratulation to Mrs. Harwell.